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Date: May 3, 2004

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PATENT
Docket No. GC450-US D1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
De Buyl et al.) Group Art Unit: 1637
Serial No.: 09/909,207) Examiner: Wilder, Cynthia B.
Filed: July 19, 2001)
For: Xylanase, Microorganisms Producing it,
DNA Molecules, Methods for Preparing
this Xylanase and Uses of the Latter)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action
dated November 11, 2003:

one month to _____; the extension fee is \$110.00.
two months to _____; the extension fee is \$420.00.
three months to May 3, 2004; the extension fee is \$950.00.
four months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,480.00.
five months to _____; the extension fee is \$2,010.00.

The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action
dated _____.

Charge \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

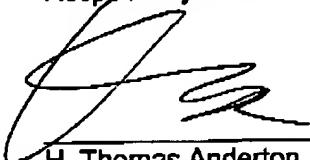
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC450-US-d1. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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